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1. A SEVERE DROUGHT IN JUNE AND JULY HAS REPORTEDLY DESTROYED AT LEAST 55 PERCENT OF HONDURAS' FIRST CORN CROP. THE SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL BECAUSE CORN IS BASIC FOOD STAPLE OF MOST HONDURANS AND EIGHTY PERCENT OF TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF CORN IS USUALLY PRODUCED IN FIRST CROP. MOREOVER, HONDURAN FOOD STOCKS WERE ALREADY LOW PRIOR TO THE DROUGHT BECAUSE OF THE DEVASTATION WROUGHT BY HURRICANE FIFI A YEAR AGO. ACCORDING TO THE IMF HONDURAS' NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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RESERVES AS OF JUNE 30 WERE DOLLARS 39 MILLION (LESS THAN ONE MONTH OF IMPORTS UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS).

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM GOH FOR 50,000 METRIC

TONS OF CORN UNDER PL-480 TITLE I CONCESSIONAL SALES ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS. WE EXPECT EARLY APPROVAL OF SALE OF 25,000 TONS UNDER TITLE I AND WE WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CORN LATER.

3. ADDITIONALLY, A SUPPLEMENTARY EMERGENCY FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAM UNDER PL-480 TITLE II TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY CRS-CARITAS AND CARE HAS BEEN APPROVED AT FOLLOWING RECIPIENT LEVELS:

(A) CARE - 2,500 FOOD FOR WORK PLUS 10,000 DEPENDENTS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS.

(B) CRS - 40,000 FOOD FOR WORK PLUS 160,000 DEPENDENTS FOR THREE MONTHS.

FOLLOWING COMMODITIES APPROVED (000 POUNDS):

(A) CARE - WHEAT/SOYA/BLEND 688, BULGAR 344, CORN 344 AND VEGOIL 100

(B) CRS - CORN 3,000 AND BULGAR 3,000. KISSINGER

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